



**AFTER FINAL RESPONSE
RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 3734**

PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Juergen KORTENBACH)
Application. No.: 10/612,005) Group Art Unit: 3734
Filed: July 3, 2003) Examiner: D. Yabut
For: FLEXIBLE ENDOSCOPIC SURGICAL)
INSTRUMENT FOR INVAGINATION) Confirmation No.: 3367
AND FUNDOPLICATION)

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the final Office Action of January 16, 2007, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R.

§ 1.116, Applicant proposes that this application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks follow the amendment section of this paper.